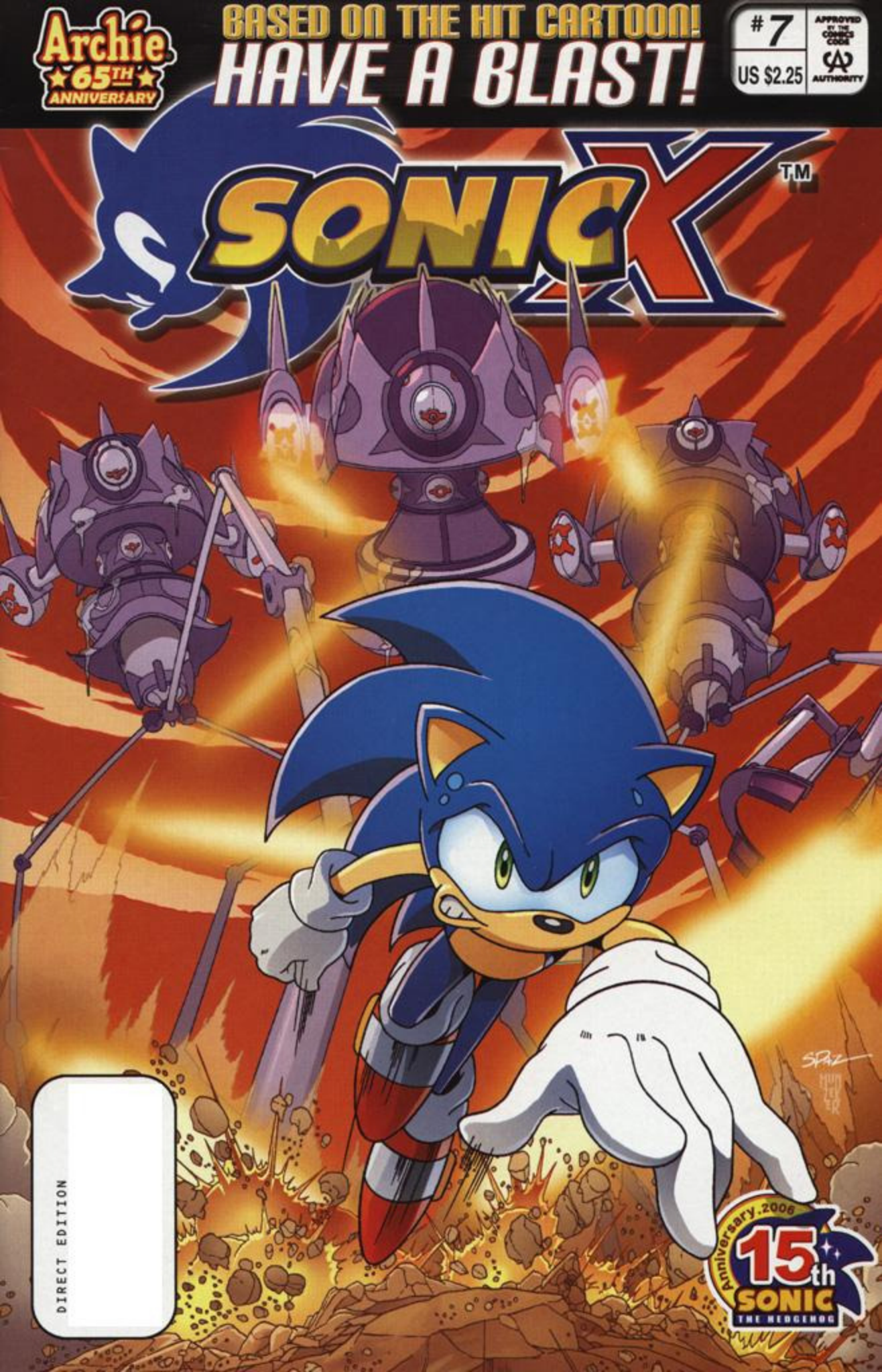
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DURING A BATTLE BETWEEN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND THE EVIL DR. EGGMAN ON THEIR HOME WORLD, AN EXPLOSION TRANSPORTED SONIC, HIS FRIENDS, AND DR. EGGMAN, ACROSS DIMENSIONS UNTIL THEY FOUND THEMSELVES IN STATION SQUARE ON PLANET EARTH.

STATION SQUARE IS A BUSY CITY WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WORKING IN OFFICES, STORES, SCHOOLS, AND RESTAURANTS EVERY DAY.

AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WORK UNDERGROUND, LIKE THE ***SEWER WORKERS*** WHO HELP MAKE SURE THAT LIFE GOES ON AS IT SHOULD ABOVE.

HEY, LARRY— YOU SEE THAT? WHAT IS IT?

DUNNO, LOU. AIN'T NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.

YOU THINK WE SHOULD CHECK IT OUT?

NO WAY.

IT'S A DOOR.

YOU DON'T LISTEN TOO GOOD, DO YA, KID?

AAAAK

THIS ROOM ISN'T ON ANY OF THE MAPS I'VE SEEN. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS IN THERE?

WOW! WHAT DO YOU THINK ALL THAT STUFF IS?

DON'T LOOK AT ME. MY PhD. IS IN MEDIEVAL ENGLISH LITERATURE, NOT ALIEN TECHNOLOGY.

I DON'T THINK ANYONE'S BEEN IN HERE IN YEARS.

SOMETHIN' TURNED THE POWER ON...

rustle rustle

EEEP! WHAT WAS THAT?

I DUNNO AND DON'T WANNA FIND OUT!

...
SYSTEM RESTORE
...
INITIATE SCAN
...

KID, I SAY WE GET THE HECK OUTTA HERE AND CALL IN THE EXPERTS.

'KAY.

...
BAD BLOCKS IN SECTOR 156489
...
RAM MODULES DEFECTIVE
...
NO DATA AVAILABLE
...

ruStle ruStle

TAKE THIS JOB AND SHOVEL IT!

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WITHIN HOURS, NEWS OF THE DISCOVERY IN THE STATION SQUARE SEWERS IS REPORTED TO THE *GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS* COMMAND CENTER...

...AND THE *PRESIDENT* IS CALLED IN FOR A BRIEFING.

INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE TECHNOLOGY IS NOT LIKE ANYTHING ELSE ON EARTH.

HMMMMMM... COULD IT BE SOME THREAT CREATED BY *DR. EGGMAN?*

UNTIL WE GET A TEAM IN THERE FOR A DETAILED ANALYSIS, WE CAN'T BE SURE, MR. PRESIDENT.

OBVIOUSLY THIS MUST BE INVESTIGATED, BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE *WITHOUT CAUSING A PANIC.*

I'M GOING TO ASSIGN THIS MISSION TO *AGENTS TOPAZ AND ROUGE.*

I'M COUNTING ON THE TWO OF YOU TO KEEP THIS QUIET, AGENT TOPAZ.

WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN, MR. PRESIDENT.

BUT...!

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE LATE FOR YOUR CABINET MEETING. WE REALLY HAVE TO GO *NOW.*

LET THEM KNOW WE'RE ON OUR WAY.

CAPTAIN WESTWOOD, I'LL EXPECT A FULL REPORT ON MY DESK BY THE END OF THE DAY.

YES, SIR!

MEET ME IN FIVE MINUTES AT THE HELIPORT. I HAVE TO PUT TOGETHER A MISSION KIT.

I'M *ALWAYS* READY TO GO.

THAT ASSIGNMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MINE!

I'M THE *CAPTAIN* OF THIS UNIT. AGENT TOPAZ WORKS FOR *ME!*

EVER SINCE *ROUGE THE BAT* SHOWED UP AND WAS *NAMED TOPAZ'S PARTNER*, I LOSE OUT ON ALL THE BEST ASSIGNMENTS.

IT'S NOT RIGHT!

IF *I* HAD A *TALKING ANIMAL FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION* AS MY PARTNER, MAYBE *I'D* GET THE *EXCITING MISSIONS.*

THAT'S IT! IF I CAN GET *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG* TO BE *MY PARTNER*, WE COULD LEAVE TOPAZ AND ROUGE IN THE DUST.

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BUT HOW DO I CONVINCE HIM TO COME WORK FOR THE GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS?

CAPTAIN, WE JUST RECEIVED THIS REPORT ABOUT AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT BURIED IN THE DESERT OUTSIDE OF STATION SQUARE.

SHOULD WE ALERT THE PRESIDENT?

GIVE ME THAT!

EEP!

THIS IS *JUST WHAT I NEED* TO GET SONIC *TO WORK FOR ME!*

AGENT CHELING, YOU ARE TO TELL *NO ONE OF THIS REPORT.*

I'M GOING TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION *PERSONALLY.*

SIR, YES, SIR!

LATER THAT MORNING, AT THE SPRAWLING MANSION THAT IS HOME TO YOUNG *CHRISTOPHER THORNDYKE*...

THIS WILL BE YOUR BEST BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER, MASTER CHRIS. JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE.

RING! RING! RING!

HELLO?

I'M GOING TO BAKE YOU THE *BIGGEST BIRTHDAY CAKE* YOU'VE EVER SEEN!

THANK YOU, ELLA!

I SEE.

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE MY *MOM AND DAD* AT THE PARTY TONIGHT.

I'M SORRY, CHRIS. THAT WAS YOUR MOTHER. SHE AND YOUR FATHER ARE STILL IN *PARIS* GETTING READY FOR THE *WORLD'S FAIR*.

THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK FOR YOUR PARTY.

I'M LUCKY TO HAVE FRIENDS LIKE YOU.

DING! DONG!

A THOUSAND PARDONS, MASTER CHRIS, BUT THERE IS SOMEONE HERE TO SEE MASTER SONIC.

ME?

CAPTAIN WESTWOOD OF THE GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS.

SONIC, WE THINK WE HAVE LOCATED A DOOMSDAY DEVICE BURIED IN THE DESERT AND WE NEED YOUR HELP RIGHT AWAY.

I'M SORRY, CAPTAIN, BUT I HAVE SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO DO TODAY.

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT IT'S PART OF DR. EGGMAN'S LATEST SCHEME TO CONQUER THE PLANET.

SONIC, THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF ASKED ME TO ENLIST YOUR AID.

SONIC, YOU HAVE TO GO IF THE PRESIDENT ASKS.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR PARTY, BUDDY?

THERE WILL BE OTHER PARTIES.

YOU'VE GOTTA GO WITH THE CAPTAIN.

ELSEWHERE IN STATION SQUARE...

HI, WE'RE FROM THE *GOVERNMENT*. WE'RE HERE TO *HELP*.

YEAH. THOSE COVERALLS *DON'T FLATTER YOUR FIGURE* AT ALL.

HAS ANYONE ELSE BEEN DOWN THERE SINCE YOU FOUND THE CHAMBER?

NO ONE'S GONE IN OR COME OUT SINCE WE MADE THE CALL.

RADIO US IF THERE'S ANY SIGN OF EGGMAN.

AND HAVE BARRELS OF *CHANEL PERFUMES NUMBERS FIVE, SIX, AND SEVEN* WAITING FOR US WHEN WE RETURN.

THERE ARE *MORE FEMININE* PLACES WE GIRLS COULD HANG OUT.

THIS MUST BE THE PLACE.

...
SYSTEMS ONLINE
...
NEW INPUT
...
CALCULATING DANGER PROBABILITIES
...

DOES ANY OF THIS LOOK LIKE ANYTHING YOU'VE SEEN EGGMAN USE?

IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE EQUIPMENT EGGMAN WOULD BUILD, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ODD ABOUT IT...

...LIKE THE TECHNOLOGY IS DECADES OLDER THAN WHAT HE WOULD USUALLY EMPLOY.

THIS LOOKS LIKE A COMPUTER. LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND OUT.

...
MAYBE THEY CAN ACCESS THE MAINFRAME
...

click click click click click click

I CAN'T GET PAST THE PASSWORD.

ACCESS DENIED

click click click click click click click click click click click click click click click click click click

SOMEONE HAS BEEN IN HERE RECENTLY, AND HE HAS SMALLER FEET THAN YOU.

(WHICH ISN'T SAYING MUCH. MOST PEOPLE DO.)

HEY!

THESE ARE DEFINITELY FRESH PRINTS. THEY STARTED FROM INSIDE THIS POD...

...AND THEY LEAD OVER THERE.

...
CAN'T LET THEM FIND ME UNTIL I KNOW MORE
...

BE CAREFUL!

...
STILL TOO MUCH DATA NOT PROCESSED
...
ENGAGE SPEED SERVOS
...

WHOOOOOSH!

NOTHING!

DID YOU FEEL A BREEZE?

WE'RE NOT ALONE IN HERE!

AGENTS TOPAZ AND ROUGE, RESPOND!

TOPAZ HERE.

YOU ARE TO *RETURN TO GUARDIAN HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY* BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT.

THE PRESIDENT HAS AN *IMPORTANT MISSION* FOR YOU.

THE *SEWER WILL BE SEALED OFF* UNTIL YOU CAN RETURN.

UNDERSTOOD, AGENT CHELING. WE ARE ON OUR WAY BACK TO BASE NOW.

...
ADDITIONAL DATA REQUIRED
...
MUST INTERFACE WITH THESE TWO BEINGS
...

MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN WESTWOOD AND SONIC ARRIVE AT THE COORDINATES OF THE UNIDENTIFIED BURIED OBJECT.

WE PLACE THE ARTIFACT AT ABOUT ***ONE HUNDRED FEET BELOW GROUND LEVEL.***

THANK YOU, AGENT DEVINE. YOU AND YOUR TEAM CAN LEAVE. SONIC AND I WILL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

HERE, YOU'LL NEED ***THIS.***

WHY DID YOU SEND THE OTHERS AWAY? THEY COULD HAVE HELPED.

THE PRESIDENT ORDERED US TO CARRY OUT THE EXCAVATION IN ***SECRET.***

BESIDES, WITH YOUR ***STRENGTH*** AND ***SPEED,*** THIS SHOULD TAKE YOU ***NO TIME AT ALL,*** RIGHT?

OR WERE THE PRESIDENT AND I ***WRONG*** ABOUT YOU?

NO PROBLEM. THIS WILL BE A PIECE OF CAKE.

SO WHY DOES A *SMART, TALENTED, AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING* HEDGEHOG SPEND TIME WITH A *WHINY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KID?*

YOU MEAN *CHRIS?* HE'S A *GOOD KID.* HE GAVE ME AND MY FRIENDS A PLACE TO LIVE WHEN WE ARRIVED HERE.

HE GETS YOU INTO A LOT OF SCRAPES.

HE'S *YOUNG.* HE MAKES MISTAKES, BUT IN THE END, HE *ALWAYS COMES THROUGH.*

BESIDES, I *LIKE* SCRAPES. THEY'RE *FUN.*

YOUR *COUNTRY* NEEDS YOU. YOU SHOULD COME WORK FOR ME...

I MEAN *US*— THE PRESIDENT AND ME.

THIS *ISN'T* MY COUNTRY. *MY* COUNTRY IS ON ANOTHER WORLD.

BUT I DON'T MIND HELPING YOU OUT ONCE IN A WHILE.

IN THE MEANTIME, I'M *NOT* GOING TO *ABANDON CHRIS* WITH HIS PARENTS ALWAYS AWAY WORKING.

UMMMMMM, SONIC—

—I THINK YOU CAN *STOP DIGGING...*

WOW!

THAT THING IS *HUGE!*

DO YOU THINK EGGMAN BUILT IT?

BACK IN STATION SQUARE, TOPAZ AND ROUGE PREPARE TO HEAD BACK TO GUARDIAN HEADQUARTERS.

YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE NO ONE GETS IN OR OUT OF THAT ROOM.

WEE, MADAM-WA-SELL. ZE SEWAIR WEELL BE PROTECTED AT ALL TIMEZ.

THAT'S AN *INTERESTING ACCENT,* OFFICER ALBRIGHT. ARE YOU FROM AROUND HERE?

MAY, WEE. I WASS BORN ANT RAIZED RIGHT 'ERE IN STACION SQUARE.

...
THOSE TWO WOMEN ARE THE MOST INTELLIGENT BEINGS I'VE ENCOUNTERED SINCE I CAME ONLINE
...

I AM BUT PREPARING FOR MY DAYBOO AS NAZEN DUHTROIT IN "GUYZ ANT DOLLZ" TONIGHT.

REMIND ME NEVER TO ATTEND THE THEATER IN THIS TOWN.

HEY! DID YOU FEEL THAT *BREEZE* AGAIN?

HSOOOHW

...
CAN'T LET THEM OUT OF MY SIGHT UNTIL MEMORY MODULES ARE COMPLETELY RESTORED
...

PREPARE FOR LIFT OFF. NEXT STOP, GUARDIANS H.Q.

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE DESERT...

THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE *ANYTHING* EGGMAN EVER CAME UP WITH.

THAT MEANS IT COULD BE *ALIEN* IN ORIGIN!

WHAT WE'VE FOUND COULD PUT *ME* ON THE MAP!

I DON'T THINK IT WANTED TO BE FOUND!

JUMP!

ZZZ

RRUUUMMBBBLLEEE

NOW *THIS* IS WHY I JOINED THE GUARDIANS!

TAILS ISN'T HERE AND I DON'T HAVE ANY RINGS WITH ME!

THIS IS GONNA BE TOUGH!

THUD!

THUD!

THWOOM!

THWOOM!

KRAK!

YO, CAPTAIN! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE FIRING THAT THING!

HELLO! IS THERE ANYBODY IN THERE?

MAN, WHAT I'D GIVE TO HAVE A SHIP LIKE THAT!

NGGG

RIIIIIIIIIIIIP!

CRACK!

POW!

THAT SOLVED OUR PROBLEM IN SPADES!

SIZZLE

GREAT WORK, SONIC!

YOU *DISABLED THE CRAFT* WITH A *MINIMUM* OF DAMAGE.

KRAKOOOOOOOOOM

I'LL HAVE A SALVAGE TEAM RECOVER THE SHIP FROM THE HOLE AND TAKE IT TO *AREA 99* FOR STUDY.

I DON'T KNOW... IT SEEMS PRETTY *DANGEROUS* TO ME.

NONSENSE. IT'S GOING TO BE A *GREAT ASSET* TO THE GOVERNMENT AND WE'LL BE CONSIDERED *HEROES.*

YOU REALLY SHOULD JOIN G.U.N. AND WORK *FOR ME.*

I'M SURE THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE YOU AN OFFICER WHEN I TELL HIM THAT *I HAD THE IDEA TO BRING YOU HERE.*

DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT *THE PRESIDENT* ASKED FOR ME TO HELP WITH THIS MISSION?

I...
UH...

YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE THAT I HANG AROUND WITH CHRIS THORNDYKE BECAUSE HE'S *JUST A KID...*

...AT LEAST *HE'D NEVER LIE TO ME* THE WAY *YOU* DID.

CAN'T WE TALK ABOUT THIS?

I WOULD *NEVER* WORK WITH SOMEONE I *CAN'T TRUST.*

DO I REALLY NEED TO TELL YOU WHAT YOU CAN *DO* WITH YOUR JOB OFFER?

HOW AM I GOING TO GET BACK TO WASHINGTON?

YOU COULD TRY CALLING A FRIEND, BUT I BET YOU DON'T HAVE ANY.

NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE A *PARTY* TO GET TO!

MEANWHILE, AT A LANDING STRIP OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON, DC...

THANK YOU FOR RETURNING SO PROMPTLY, AGENTS TOPAZ AND ROUGE.

I HAD AN ASSIGNMENT FOR YOUR CAPTAIN, BUT HE CAN NOT BE FOUND, AND THIS WON'T WAIT.

WE'VE RECEIVED CREDIBLE INTELLIGENCE THAT *DR. EGGMAN HAS BEEN SPOTTED IN PARIS.*

I NEED YOU TWO TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AND FIND OUT WHAT HE IS UP TO.

YES, SIR!

...
TOO MANY PEOPLE HERE
...
CAN'T LEAVE THE SHIP
...

ME IN THE *CITY OF LOVE?* MAYBE I SHOULD CHECK OUT THE *MONA LISA* WHILE WE'RE THERE.

WE'LL BE *WORKING,* ROUGE.

STEALING *LOVE* AND *ART* IS WORK, TOPAZ.

...
PERHAPS FOLLOWING THESE TWO WILL LEAD ME TO THE ANSWER OF WHO I AM
...

THAT EVENING, AT THE THORNDYKE MANSION...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!

AM I ON TIME?

SONIC! YOU MADE IT!

I WOULDN'T LET YOU DOWN, BUDDY!

CHRIS, WE HAVE SOME SPECIAL GUESTS VIA SATELLITE.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SON!

WE'RE REALLY SORRY WE COULDN'T BE THERE TODAY, CHRIS...

...BUT WE HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENT FOR YOU. WE ARE GOING TO FLY YOU AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO PARIS FOR A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE WORLD'S FAIR!

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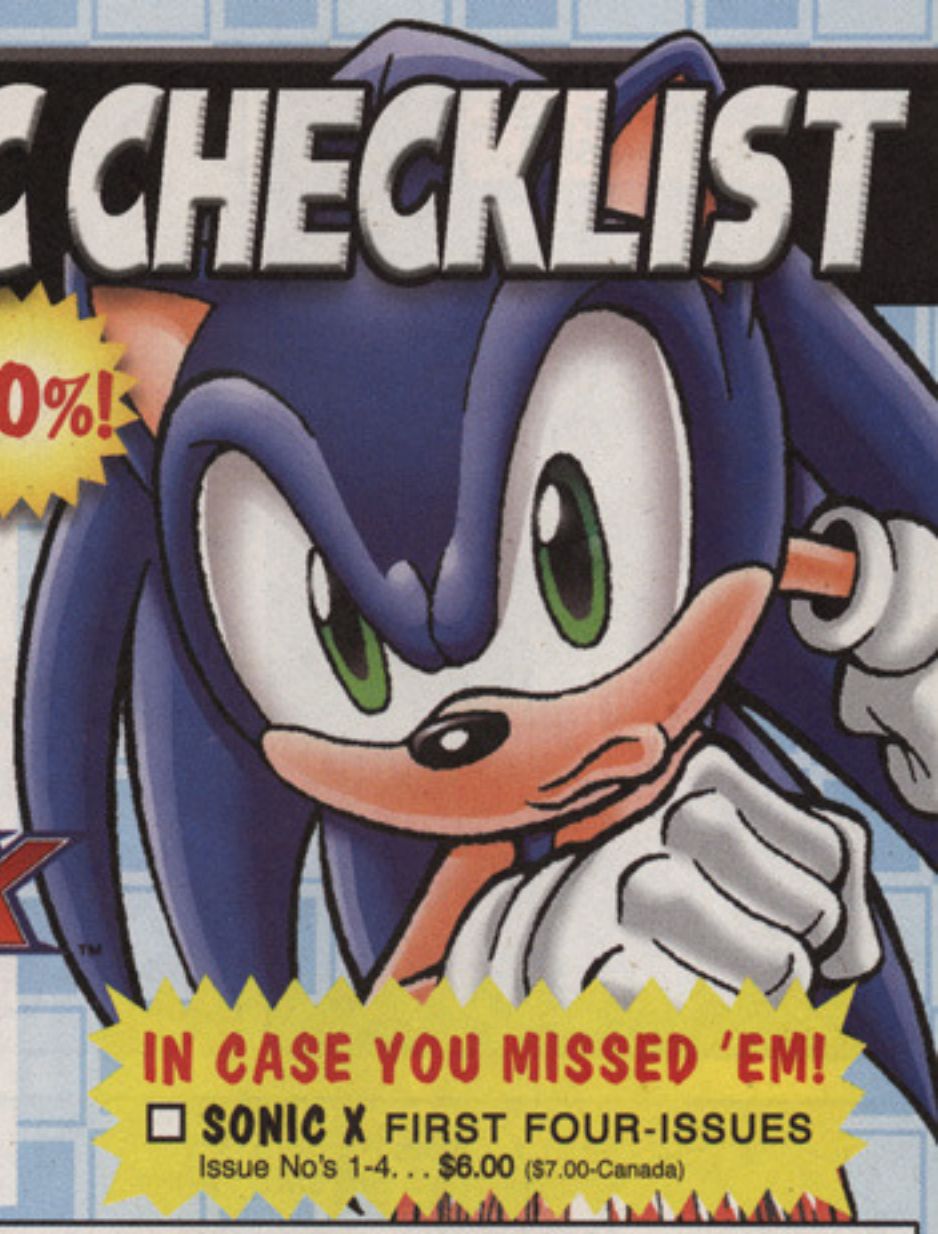

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